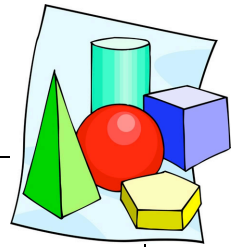


1L's Weekly News - Week of January 25th



Dates to Remember:

- * The last day for Hoops for Heart donations is this Thursday, January 28th.
- * Valentine's Day is right around the corner! We are asking all first graders to bring in a shoebox by Wednesday, February 3rd, in order to collect valentines from friends!
- * If your child wishes to bring in Valentine's Day cards, please have him/her bring one for each child in our class. Cards may be brought in anytime between February 8th and 11th. Be on the lookout for a class list coming home this week! ☺

Reader's Workshop:

In Reader's Workshop we will continue our character study. We'll talk about main characters this week and focus on how the characters feel, what they do, and what they say in a book, in order to learn more about them.

Writer's Workshop:

Last week we focused on ending punctuation. We learned about the importance of periods, exclamation points, and question marks, and how they help us end a sentence and stop our voices. This week we'll focus on using comparisons in our pieces.

Math:

- * This week in Math we will continue our study of geometry and learn all about 3D shapes: cone, pyramid, rectangular prism, cube, sphere, and cylinder. We'll talk about the flat surfaces (faces) and vertices (points), and edges of these shapes.
- * A letter is coming home this Monday outlining a special geometry project due back to school by Friday, February 5th. Students are being asked to create a sculpture **at home**, using 3D objects (cone, sphere, pyramid, cube, cylinder, rectangular prism). Students can use any combination of these 3D solid figures, and do not have to use all of them. We want students to be creative with items they can reuse, recycle, or repurpose from home. Please do not go out and purchase anything special for this project. For example, a city scene of skyscrapers made from various boxes (rectangular prisms) or a rocket ship made from an oatmeal container and paper towel tubes (cylinders) are examples of what students can do. This should be a fun extension of our study of geometry in the classroom!

Word Work:

Our new Word Wall Words are: **best, came, make, of, said.**

- * This week we will focus on "magic e" words. For example, *a* says its name in the word *make* because of the silent *e* found at the end of the word.

Science/Social Studies:

We've been talking about the characteristics of different habitats and what animals need to have/do to survive there.

Odds and Ends:

- * Now that it's snow boot season, please help your child remember that we have P.E. on "B" days and "E" days, and all students need to wear sneakers. Students can bring in their sneakers and change before we go to P.E.